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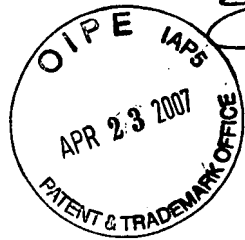
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The references cited on attached form PTO/SB/08A are being called to the attention of the Examiner. The disclosed references were recently cited in an Office Action dated March 6, 2007 issued from the Japan Patent Office (JPO) for the corresponding JPO patent application JP2002-319434. On March 23, 2007 an IDS and RCE were filed in the present application and copies of disclosed foreign patent references were filed along with English abstracts. Enclosed are full English translations of the two cited foreign patent references JP2002-134318 and JP2000-208355.

It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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